## ABSENCE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF COL. EMORY UPTON AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE ARMY.

## LETTER

FROM

## THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

Copies of instructions under which Lieut. Col. Emory Upton, Maj. George A. Forsyth, and Capt. Joseph P. Sanger are now absent from the United States.

May 12, 1876.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, May 8, 1876.

The Secretary of War has the honor to transmit to the House of Representatives, for the information of the Committee on Military Affairs, in response to request from Hon. C. D. McDougall, of said committee, copies of the instructions under which Lieut. Col. Emory Upton, Maj. George A. Forsyth, and Capt. Joseph Sanger, of the Army, are now absent from the United States.

ALPHONSO TAFT, Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington City, May 6, 1876.

Pursuant to section 882 of the Revised Statutes I hereby certify that the annexed are true copies from the records in this Department.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the War Department to be affixed on the day and year first above written.

[SEAL.]

ALPHONSO TAFT, Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington City, June 23, 1875.

GENERAL: On or about June 30 next you will be relieved from the Military Academy.

Upon being so relieved it is desired that you proceed to San Francis-

co, Cal., visiting on the route to that city Salt Lake City, the mines of Nevada, and the Yosemite Valley; that on or about August 1 you sail from San Francisco for Japan and China. On reaching Canton, in China, you will proceed, via Singapore, to Calcutta, thence up the valley of the Ganges to Peshawer, and thence to the Russian possessions at Tashkend, by the most practicable route.

Should it, however, be found impracticable to proceed to the Russian possessions from Peshawer, you will select the most feasible route that will enable you to reach Europe. Having arrived in Europe, you are required to visit the camps of instruction and military schools of Italy, Germany, Austria, Russia, France, and England, and thence return to

the United States.

The professional object of this order is to enable you to examine and report upon the organization, tactics, discipline, and the maneuvers of the armies along the route mentioned, and in Germany the special examination of the schools for the instruction of officers in strategy, grand tactics, applied tactics, and the higher duties in the art of war and the collection and compilation of such other information as might naturally be expected to be of utility to this Government.

During your absence upon this duty, which shall not exceed eighteen months, you will report, as nearly monthly as practicable, your address to the Adjutant-General; and on your return will make a full, detailed, written report to the Secretary of War upon all the subjects mentioned

in this communication.

During such absence you will receive the full pay and allowances of a lieutenant-colonel, inclusive of fuel and quarters in kind at points where you may be stationed abroad, in quantity, at rates, and under regulations prevailing in Washington City for the time; provided that during such absence abroad you shall not be entitled to draw fuel and quarters in this country.

You shall also receive the traveling-allowances specified in General Orders Nos. 69 and 112 from the War Department, series of 1874, without the limitation of time for which charges of hotel-bills are subject under said order; provided that no hotel-bills or other items of travelexpenses shall be charged while sojourning at any point at which you

may have hired quarters for the same time.

You will report to General Sherman for further instructions, if he desires to give you any; and you will be accompanied by Maj. George A. Forsyth, Ninth Cavalry, and by Capt. J. P. Sanger, First Artillery, who have been detailed for that purpose.

Yours, very respectfully,

WM. W. BELKNAP, Secretary of War.

General EMORY UPTON, West Point, N. Y.

> WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington City, June 24, 1875.

SIR: You will receive instructions from the Adjutant-General of the Army to report to Lieut. Col. Emory Upton for special duty to be performed under his directions.

This duty will take you beyond the United States, and during your absence therefrom, which it is not contemplated will exceed eighteen months, you will receive the full pay and allowances of a major of cav-

alry, inclusive of fuel and quarters in kind at points where you may be stationed abroad, in quantity, at rates, and under regulations prevailing in Washington City for the time; provided that during such absence abroad you shall not be entitled to draw fuel and quarters in this coun-

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During your absence abroad you will report monthly, or as nearly monthly as practicable, your address to the Adjutant-General of the

Army.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. M. BELKNAP, Secretary of War.

Major GEORGE A. FORSYTH, Ninth United States Cavalry, Chicago, Ill.

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formed under his directions.

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During your absence abroad you will report monthly, or as nearly monthly as practicable, your address to the Adjutant-General of the Army.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. W. BELKNAP, Secretary of War.

Capt. J. P. SANGER, First United States Artillery, Brunswick, Me.